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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is the obligation of the Illinois General  
3 Assembly and the various executive agencies of State government  
4 to provide such public services as are necessary to ensure that  
5 every person in Illinois can maximize his or her own potential  
6 and to provide such services as are required to ensure that the  
7 most unfortunate among us can live in dignity and safety; and

8 WHEREAS, It is also the obligation of the Illinois General  
9 Assembly and the various executive agencies of State government  
10 to not unduly burden the taxpayers of the State by extracting  
11 any greater amount of tax revenue than is necessary to achieve  
12 those ends; and

13 WHEREAS, The budgeting process in Illinois all too often  
14 fails to examine the inefficiencies brought about by the  
15 existence of redundant and outdated programs; and

16 WHEREAS, State agencies may not be in compliance with  
17 adequate cost-control measures to provide efficient use of  
18 State appropriations, or such measures may be outdated or  
19 non-existent; and

20 WHEREAS, The failure to examine measures to control costs  
21 leads to ever-increasing demands for revenue; and

1           WHEREAS, The taxpayers of Illinois are faced with high  
2           taxation that is hampering the development of business in the  
3           State and creating an exodus of productive, taxpaying citizens  
4           to other States, thus making it necessary to investigate ways  
5           by which Illinois government can reduce costs and yet fulfill  
6           its obligations in an efficient and cost-effective manner;  
7           therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9           HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
10          SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the creation via  
11          legislation of the Illinois Commission on Fiscal  
12          Responsibility and Reform, whose purpose shall be to examine  
13          the extent to which current practices of the executive agencies  
14          either conform to or fall short of established laws,  
15          regulations, and best practices, and to determine the fiscal  
16          impact which the State realizes as a result of falling short of  
17          compliance with such practices; and be it further

18          RESOLVED, That the Commission should conduct a private  
19          sector survey on cost control in State government and advise  
20          the Governor, the General Assembly, and the executive agency  
21          heads with respect to improving management practices and  
22          reducing costs; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the heads of executive agencies should, to  
2 the extent permitted by law, and in a timely manner, be  
3 required to provide to the Commission and its staff units such  
4 information, including that relating to the structure,  
5 organization, personnel and operations of the executive  
6 agencies, as may be required for carrying out the purposes of  
7 the Commission's duties; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Commission's recommendations should  
9 focus on the following areas: (1) Discretionary State spending,  
10 (2) Specific areas in which State agencies could be required to  
11 reduce expenditures, and (3) State budget and accounting  
12 practices leading to the establishment and enforcement of  
13 guidelines and procedures by which executive agencies must  
14 demand and confirm accountability from such stakeholders who  
15 may seek or be granted appropriations of State funds; and be it  
16 further

17           RESOLVED, That the Illinois Commission on Fiscal  
18 Responsibility and Reform, as a body with responsibilities that  
19 cross over the chronological boundaries of this Illinois  
20 General Assembly, should be created by legislation; and be it  
21 further

22           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
23 delivered to the Speaker of the House, the House Minority

1 Leader, the President of the Senate, and the Senate Minority  
2 Leader.